

## ISENHOWER PLEADS DEFENSE.

SAYS THAT HE FIRED AT BULWARE AFTER OFFICER HAD TWICE SHOT AT HIM.

Case Nears Close and Verdict Will Probably Be Reached To-Day—Testimony Conflicts as to When Isenhour Planned Death of Negro.

York, Dec. 9.—Taking the stand in his own defense, Ernest Isenhour today gave an intimation of what his attorneys will try to prove for the prisoner. He stated that he fired two shots at Raleigh Boulevard, the deputy sheriff, but that these shots were fired after Boulevard had fired at him. He swore that he acted in self-defense, that he was free from any malice or animus toward either Boulevard or Sheriff Hood and that he would not have fired at all had he not thought it imperative. He does not know, he said, that either of the shots struck Boulevard.

Court convened at 9.30 o'clock. T. J. Rabb was first called and owing to the questions asked by counsel the jury was excused from the court room until Judge Rice ruled upon what the witness had to say. Mr. Rabb testified that he saw Clyde Isenhour about two hours after the shooting, that Isenhour had sustained 13 bullet wounds and appeared to be at the point of death, that Isenhour remarked: "God has forgiven me for all of my sins. I did not want to shoot the sheriff but I did want to shoot the negro and I did so. I shot the negro first, then Hood shot me and I shot Hood. I felt that God had directed me to kill the negro." This testimony was not permitted by the court to go to the jury.

The Rev. J. P. Isenhour, a brother of the defendant and a brother of the dead man, was called. He testified that he is a Baptist preacher in charge of three churches in Fairfield county. He testified that he talked to his brother, Clyde Isenhour, as Clyde was in a dying condition and that Clyde Isenhour said: "I want you to take my farm and work it as best you can, see to it that my debts are paid and see to it that my life insurance goes to my baby. I am shot all to pieces and can't get well."

In cross-examination by the State, Mr. Isenhour was asked if he did not ask his brother not to raise any trouble. He did not remember having done so. Counsel asked if he did not try to persuade his brother not to create trouble. The witness claimed that he did not remember. The witness at last said that he did tell Clyde Isenhour not to start trouble but to keep quiet. He testified that Sheriff Hood had always been a personal friend of the Isenhour family.

T. J. Rabb testified that Clyde Isenhour, as he lay desperately wounded, said to him (Rabb): "God told me to kill this negro and I did and I am satisfied."

At 10.45 o'clock Ernest Isenhour took the stand. He was perfectly composed. He seemed to be sure of his facts and did not falter. He answered in a clear tone every question asked.

Isenhour testified that he is 30 years of age and that he is a school teacher. He says that he has taught for several years in Florence county. At the time of the Winsboro tragedy his school had a holiday and he was spending the vacation period with his mother in Fairfield county, a few miles from Winsboro. On the day of the tragedy he left home shortly after sunrise with his brother, who is a rural policeman for Fairfield county. Before leaving he took his pistol from the bureau and dropped it in his pocket, without any motive. Upon reaching town, he held a conference with Solicitor J. K. Henry, this being done at the request of his mother, and asked Mr. Henry not to have Clyde Isenhour's wife placed on the witness stand, because of her physical condition. The witness testified that when he completed his conference with Mr. Henry he walked to the court house and there was a gang in the yard. As he arrived at the court house he saw his brother, Clyde Isenhour, with a pistol in his hand and saw Clyde Isenhour fire the shot at the negro, Jules Smith. Said the witness: "I attempted to get to Clyde but was pushed back from the gate; I tried again and again was pushed back. Finally I gained entrance to the grounds and saw Raleigh Boulevard on the steps of the court house. He pulled his pistol and fired at me, two shots. One shot missed me entirely and the other went through the shoulder of my coat. As Boulevard again turned towards me, I fired but I doubt that I hit him. A number of other shots were fired at the same time."

At this juncture counsel for the defense submitted as evidence a blue coat, said to be the one worn by Isenhour on the day of the tragedy, and a well-defined bullet hole was to be seen in the shoulder.

Upon cross examination the witness was asked if he made this statement, told in court yesterday, "You are the damn — I am after." The defendant testified that he did not use profanity.

## CONGRESS WEEK OPENS.

SEVENTH ANNUAL OF SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Many Prominent Men From all Sections of Nations Will be Present at Annual Event—Six Big Battleships on Hand.

Charleston, Dec. 13.—Today the seventh annual meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress will begin in the German Artillery Hall.

The opening session will be held in the German Artillery Hall at 10 o'clock. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will deliver an address on "Today's National Affairs" at this session.

Thousands of visitors are in Charleston for the congress and its affiliated features. The city is in its best bib and tucker. It has been decorated as never before.

Leading men of the nation are making their way to Charleston to participate actively in the sessions of the congress, and matters of wide importance will be discussed.

The social side of Congress Week has been carefully arranged for and many entertainments are scheduled on the official programme.

Gov. Manning has established his headquarters in the St. John Hotel and will remain here through Friday. Members of his staff accompanied him and Mrs. Manning to Charleston.

Six powerful battleships of the United States navy are at anchor in the Cooper River. Visitors will be welcome on these between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Vaudeville is offered at the Victoria Theatre today, tabloid musical at the Academy of Music, Laura Hope Crews in "Blackbirds" at the Princess Theatre and photoplays at the Majestic Theatre. Other motion picture theatres will welcome visitors also.

## The Case for Cotton.

Prof. Geo. McCutchen, of the Department of Economics, has completed a bulletin which is sure to be of the widest interest and usefulness throughout the State. The University Press is working on the proof now, and the bulletin will be out and ready for free distribution before the Christmas holidays.

Prof. McCutchen looks at cotton from a new standpoint and presents statistics to sustain his argument. He calls attention to the agricultural success of Marlboro county and the reasons therefor. The discussion is based on actual, not ideal conditions.—University Weekly News.

fanity and that so far as he knew, he had never used an oath in his life. He swore that he had no malice against Sheriff Hood or Raleigh Boulevard and had no reason for any.

At 11.30 o'clock the cross-examination of the witness began, this being conducted by Thomas F. McDow of counsel for the State.

In cross-examination Isenhour denied any planning with his brother Clyde about the Jules Smith case, stating that Clyde never told him of any intention to kill the negro. The defendant did not know who fired the last shot in the affair and repeated his statement that he was fired on by Boulevard as the latter went up the steps and that Boulevard was descending the steps, pistol in hand, when the defendant opened fire. Isenhour testified that after the affair he placed his pistol behind some furniture in a store and that he afterwards looked for it but was unable to find the weapon.

The defense having completed the presentation of its side of the case, the State put up one witness, W. L. Hayne, a policeman of Winsboro, in reply. This witness testified that he was related to the Isenhours and that he talked with both Clyde and Ernest some time before the killing. Hayne stated that Clyde said that if the negro was taken to his home he would never come back alive. The witness said he told Clyde that Sheriff Hood had said he would die before giving up his prisoner. During the conversation with Ernest Isenhour the latter said he was not expecting trouble, but that if it came he would "plug the — first thing." Witness understood this remark to apply to Sheriff Hood.

Hayne was the last witness to be put on the stand and immediately after the noon recess arguments were begun. Each side is allowed two hours for this purpose.

A. E. Hill of Spartanburg, solicitor of the Seventh circuit, opened for the State, followed by A. L. Gaston of Chester for the defense. Thomas F. McDow of York, who is associated with counsel for the State, then spoke, followed by John R. Hart for the defense. At the conclusion of the latter's argument court adjourned until tomorrow morning, when arguments will be made by C. L. Elease and the solicitor of this circuit, J. K. Henry of Chester. The case will probably go to the jury before noon.

## COUEGILMEN ENJOY TRIP.

LEARN MANY NEW THINGS ABOUT PAVING WHICH THEY CAN PUT INTO PRACTICE.

Mayor Jennings and Councilman Rowland See All Kinds of Street Pavings and Get Information Concerning Cost and Wear.

Mayor L. D. Jennings, Councilman C. G. Rowland, Engineer Lee and Mr. E. K. Friar returned Sunday morning from their trip through the Central, New England and Eastern States, for the purpose of inspection of various pavings used in cities of the United States. They visited many cities and viewed all kinds of pavings, getting information as to its cost, wearing and lasting ability and other data, which will prove of service to them in awarding the contract for paving in Sumter, which will be made at some time in the near future. Both Mayor Jennings and Councilman Rowland stated that they had learned many things that they had not known before, but which they can put into practice here later on. They reported that the trip was one of pleasure as well as an instructive one.

Mr. Rowland stated this morning that he had learned that all kinds of paving were vulnerable. He had seen all kinds, secured the dates when it was put down, could estimate the traffic on it and could see where it was worn and the gangs employed in making repairs. Paving, he found, was like other things, it would not last forever. The trip went by Cincinnati, Pontiac, Ohio, Detroit, Chicago, into Canada, Buffalo, Albany, Boston, and other New England cities. At New Haven the party took an automobile and went through the country on into New York city, passing a large number of towns and cities and over all kinds of roads. The various pavings used in New York city were inspected also.

Mr. Rowland stated that while he had not positively formed an opinion as to what paving was best for Sumter, he had the information on hand and would go over this carefully in making his decision as to what paving would be best. He stated that he had found the trip very pleasant and also very beneficial in that he had learned many things about the various kinds of paving. Recently he has been in correspondence with the city engineers of various cities which are putting down paving and he has collected a large amount of information which he will carefully consider in determining the paving for Sumter.

Mr. Rowland was much impressed with the methods of parking the streets in order that the paving might not have to extend over the entire width, thus lessening the cost of paving. He stated that it was probable that all of the streets would not be paved with the same material, as the residue streets would not need as heavy a material for paving as the business streets where there was heavy traffic.

Mr. Jennings stated that he had found the trip a very instructive one and that he had learned many things about pavings in going over all of the kinds which were used in the many cities visited. He stated that the kind of paving he would favor for Sumter would depend on the bids, as the contract price would probably affect the determination of the choice of paving.

Mr. E. K. Friar was immensely pleased with trip, saying that it was "an eye-opener" to him, and he presumed to the others. He stated that it was most complete in every detail, the party being met at each point by some representative of the Concrete Paving Association, who was generally accompanied by the road or street commissioner, or some other local party interested in paving. Mr. Friar was much impressed with the testing plant of the bitulithic people at Boston. He stated that he had learned much and thought the others of the party had also concerning the various paving materials, of which they saw practically all of those in use. He too was impressed by the parking of part of the streets.

In view of the fact that a number of people have wanted to know why Councilman Booth did not go on the trip, it will not be amiss here to say that Councilman Booth did take practically the same trip in September, his trip in fact being more extended and covering a greater number of towns. Mr. Booth's trip lasted two weeks, instead of one week, and he visited a large number of towns that the other members of Council did not visit. Mr. Booth is very enthusiastic on the matter of parking part of the street, something which was new to him when it was brought to his attention on his trip. Mr. Booth, of course, would not commit himself as to what paving he preferred, but stated that it was probable that three different kinds would be used in paving Sumter streets, as the different streets required different kinds of paving according to traffic and use.

## BATTLESHIPS AT CHARLESTON.

MONARCHS OF SEA ENTER HARBOR FOR COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

Representatives of United States Navy on Hand for Big Annual Southern Event — Entertainments Planned.

Charleston, Dec. 11.—The six powerful battleships, ordered here for Southern Commercial congress week, recently entered Charleston's deep harbor this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock and now ride easily at anchor in the Cooper river, a spectacle of naval strength most gratifying to the throngs who were on the waterfront for hours this afternoon, gazing upon the Virginia, Rear Admiral De Witt Coffman's flagship, and her big companions, the Utah, South Carolina, New Jersey, Georgia and Rhode Island.

Arriving at the Charleston lightship early this morning, the ships tarried a couple of hours and then started their stately procession through the jetties and into Charleston's far-famed harbor. The higher draft vessels came in first, reaching anchorage a little after 10 o'clock and the more ponderous South Carolina and Utah followed close behind, the six seafighters being in their positions for the coming week's celebration before 11 o'clock. It was not high tide at the custom house until 11:30.

Shortly after noon Managing Director C. J. Owens of the Southern Commercial congress and E. W. Hughes, chairman of the local naval committee, accompanied by members of Dr. Owen's staff and of the naval and general Charleston committee, boarded a yacht and paid an official visit to Rear Admiral Coffman on the flagship Virginia which hearty welcome was extended from the Southern Commercial congress officials and from the representatives of the city of Charleston. There followed a discussion with Admiral Coffman and his staff of details attendant upon the visit of the fleet here.

The weather accorded the entrance by the fleet into this harbor today was by no means ideal, for it was windy and all too moist, but the warmth of the greetings extended the distinguished naval visitors made up for overcast skies and the officers and bluejackets were made immediately to feel at home. They were handed the keys of the city and invited to take possession at once.

This splendid array of Uncle Sam's gallant battleships is to be the guest of Charleston for a week.

Entertainment for the officers and enlisted men of the six big battleships that ride at anchor today in the harbor begins Monday and will continue through Thursday. In addition to the luncheons, smokers, banquets, dances, theatre matinees, oyster roasts and athletic events, there will be a number of smaller, but none the less enjoyable social affairs for groups of the officers and sailors. The formal programme of entertainment includes the functions fixed by the naval committee, the social functions committee, the committee on entertainment for warrant officers and enlisted men and the Woman's auxiliary committee.

In honor of Rear Admiral DeWitt Coffman and Rear Admiral August F. Fichteler, and the captains of each of the battleships in the two divisions, the programme will be opened Monday with a luncheon at the Charleston club. The entertainment for enlisted men will begin Monday afternoon with a football game, U. S. S. Virginia playing the U. S. S. Rhode Island at College park. Monday evening, enlisted men or shore leave are expected to attend in large numbers the first of a series of three basketball games to be played at the Y. M. C. A. for the championship of the third division of the Atlantic fleet. The contest for the title will be between the battleships Rhode Island and New Jersey. All games will be played at the Y. M. C. A.

## ORDERED TO CITADEL.

Lieut. Garey Detailed as Military Professor.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The following order was issued by the war department: "First Lieut. Enoch G. Garey, Eighteenth infantry, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Citadel, Charleston, vice First Lieut. Jesse Gaston, infantry, relieved."

## American Steamer Searched.

New York, Dec. 11.—The American steamer San Juan was searched by a French cruiser near Porto Rico.

Booth was impressed with the use of concrete blocks, as they are being used in paving in Atlanta and other towns he has visited, but about which he wishes to gain further information on his next trip, which will probably be in the near future.

Mayor Lee was busy this morning and did not have time to state what views he had gained on the trip.

## MUCH CATTLE IN FLORENCE SALE.

Gate City Looks Forward With Great Interest to Opening of Market.

Florence, Dec. 12.—Florence is looking forward with great interest to the opening of the cattle market here in January and reports indicate that there will be a generous offering of good cattle. The farm demonstrator of one county in this section outside of Florence says that he expects to have something over 700 head of cattle here for the sale from this county. The farm demonstration agents of the different counties are expected to take this matter in charge and interest their people in the market. The Chamber of Commerce has received letters from Horry, Georgetown and other counties asking for information and offering shipments of cattle for that January sale.

The handling of the cattle here will be through the Pee Dee Fair association, which is a chartered and responsible body. They will have a superintendent in charge of the stock yards and sheds. They will publish rules for the marketing as soon as they hear from W. W. Long, the State agent, through whose enterprise and energy the cattle market is to be made a reality. Cattle coming into Florence from sections under quarantine, must be dipped under certain supervision that will be prescribed, so as to prevent contagion. All of Florence county above Lynche's river has been freed from the quarantine restrictions. There is a dipping vat near Poston which can probably be secured for the use of the shipments from the territory yet under quarantine. A small fee will be charged the owner of the cattle for selling through the stock yards, and he will be expected to provide for the feeding of his stock, the fair association will care for them, see that they are properly graded and sold and that the owner gets his check if he can not attend the sale himself, though most of the sellers will be present.

Letters are constantly being received by the Chamber of Commerce and by others identified with this enterprise and as soon as possible the full information will be sent out with the date of the opening sale.

## WOULD TAX WAR MUNITIONS.

Kenyon Wants to Make Them Pay for Preparedness Schedule.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Kenyon has introduced a measure to levy a sufficient tax on war munitions to pay for the entire preparedness program.

## Items From Tindal.

Mr. Geo. L. Brown and brother of Tindal were in the city today. He reports that Mrs. John Tindal is critically ill at her home there. Mrs. Dave Osteen, who has been quite sick, is somewhat better.

Mr. Brown reports that the corn crop is short in that section and that farmers hope to make up for this shortage by planting an unusually large amount of grain. Much oats have been planted and wheat is being sowed. A number of planters will also try rice this year and a considerable quantity would be planted, but for the difficulty the farmers have in having the crop prepared for table purposes.

## P. T. HILDEBRAND DEAD.

Solicitor of First Circuit Passes Away at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, Dec. 11.—P. T. Hildebrand solicitor of the First judicial circuit, died at his home, this city, about 2.30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Hildebrand had been in failing health for some time, but had been ill only a short while. The funeral services are to be conducted at St. Paul's Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral services will be in charge of the Rev. W. B. Duncan, the Rev. Geo. E. Davis and the Rev. D. D. Dantzler. The services at the grave will be in charge of Orangeburg commandery, Knights Templar. Burial will take place at Sunnyside cemetery.

The death of "Pete" Hildebrand is deeply mourned, not only in Orangeburg county and in the district in which he was so admired as solicitor, but throughout the State of South Carolina.

The deceased was 49 years of age. He was the son of Dr. Daniel and Mary Ann Hildebrand, who lived in the upper fork section of Orangeburg county. Mr. Hildebrand studied law at the office of the late James F. Izlar. He served for many terms as solicitor of the First circuit, which position he held at the time of his death. Besides his mother and widow, he is survived by four children, Preston Hildebrand of Little Rock, Ark., Hartwell Hildebrand of Birmingham, Hydrick Hildebrand of this city and Miss Annie May Hildebrand. Two brothers and three sisters also survive.

## Big Earthquake Somewhere.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The seismograph has registered a continuous earthquake since 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It is impossible to tell the location of the disturbance owing to continuous vibrations.

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